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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 13, 2010, at 2 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, JULY 12, 2010

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JEFF MERKLEY, a Senator from the State of Oregon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Lord of life, we magnify Your Name this day, for Your mercies are new every morning.

Take our Senators by the hand and lead them on the road You desire them to travel. Help them to seek Your guidance as they establish their priorities, always remembering their accountability to You. May this accountability motivate them to never deviate from the path of integrity but to seek to ensure that Your will is done on Earth even as it is done in heaven. Remind them that You are with them and will guide them to a desired destination.

We pray in Your sovereign Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JEFF MERKLEY led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 12, 2010.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JEFF MERKLEY, a Senator from the State of Oregon, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,
President pro tempore.

Mr. MERKLEY thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following leader remarks, the Senate will turn to a period of morning business. Senators will speak for up to 10 minutes each. This week, the Senate will likely resume consideration of the small business jobs bill, the emergency supplemental appropriations bill, the conference report on Wall Street reform or any other items on the legislative or executive calendar cleared for this particular work period.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 5552

Mr. REID. Mr. President, H.R. 5552 is at the desk and due for a second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the bill for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5552) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that a payment of the manufacturers' excise tax on recreational equipment be paid quarterly and to provide for the assessment by the Secretary of the Treasury of certain criminal restitution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I object to any further proceedings at this time.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection having been heard, the bill will be placed on the calendar.

JOBS AGENDA

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I welcome back my colleagues and hope they are as eager to get to work as I am.

During the week I spent in Nevada, I saw again how desperate our unemployment situation has become. As I talked to Nevadans, I heard over and over how they need us to help create conditions to help businesses create jobs. For example, I met one man in Reno who is 51 years old. He said he

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